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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP -- RELEASE OF FUNDS BY JOINT BOARD
FOR SKADAR LAKE AND ADRIATIC MAMMALS PROJECTS

1. AT URGENT TELEPHONE REQUEST OF DR. CATHERINE KERBY,
AMERICAN SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF SKADAR LAKE PROJECT, FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM SENT JULY 26 THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS TO KRSTO
BULAJIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL, FAISECTC: "BECAUSE OF URGENT NEED FOR
RELEASE BY THE U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION OF SKADAR LAKE FUNDS, MILOS RAJACIC,
COUNSELLOR FOR SCIENCE, YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C.; DR.
OSWALD H. GANLEY, DIRECTOR OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL (SIC) PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE;
AND KENNEDY B. SCHMERTZ, DIRECTOR, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM, AGREE THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN
JOINT BOARD GRANT FOR SKADAR LAKE RESEARCH ARE ACCEPTABLE:

1) DELETION OF PAGES 11 AND 12 CONCERNING JACOBI RESEARCH, AND

2) SUBSTITUTION KAZIC SIGNATURE FOR JOVANOVIC SIGNATURE FOR
YUGOSLAV COLLABORATING INSTITUTION.

URGE EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE OF FUNDS.

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SIGNED: MILOS RAJACIC

OSWALD H. GANLEY
KENNEDY B. SCHMERTZ"

2) URGENT TELEPHONE CALL ALSO JULY 26 FROM CARTER, ADRIATIC
MAMMALS PROJECT, REPORTED DELAY FAISECTC RECEIPT SIGNED GRANT
FROM ZAGREB FURTHER DELAYED RELEASE FUNDS THIS PROJECT.

3) SMITHSONIAN DEEPLY APPRECIATES CONTINUING EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE SEEKING RELEASE JOINT BOARD FUNDS AND
ASSISTANCE SMITHSONIAN SPONSORED SCIENTISTS, AND
REQUESTS NOTIFICATION BY TELEGRAM OF CULMINATION THESE
EFFORTS IN RELEASE BY JOINT BOARD OF FUNDS EACH PROJECT.
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